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KETTERING BANK ROBBER SENTENCED TO 46 MONTHS IMPRISONMENT

Robber Apprehended by “Good Samaritan” Citizens

DAYTON, OHIO—The suspect apprehended and detained by “Good Samaritan” citizens outside a Kettering business after he held up a nearby bank branch in July was sentenced in United States District Court here today on federal bank robbery charges. Ruben L. Morton, age 37, of Dayton, will serve 46 months in prison for the crime.

Gregory Lockhart, United States Attorney for the Southern District of Ohio, Keith Bennett, Special Agent in Charge, Federal Bureau of Investigation, and Kettering Police Chief James M. O’Dell, announced the sentence handed down by Senior U.S. District Court Judge Walter Rice.

Morton pleaded guilty in September to one count of bank robbery, after he committed the July 11, 2007 crime at Fifth Third Bank located at 2115 East Dorothy Lane in Kettering. According to the plea agreement filed in the case, Morton admitted to knowingly and willfully taking from employees of the bank by means of intimidation over \$1,500 in cash.

“The quick apprehension of this suspect without harm to bank employees and innocent bystanders produced favorable results for all,” Lockhart said. Lockhart also commended the efforts of the “Good Samaritan” citizens involved in the apprehension of Morton, along with the investigative efforts of the Kettering Police Department and FBI, and Assistant U.S. Attorney Dwight Keller, who prosecuted the case.

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